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Response to Amendment

1. This Office communication is in response to the supplemental amendment/reply filed on August 11, 2003.

2. However, the abovementioned amendment/reply submitted by the applicant is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the claims are not in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003. In particular, the amendment fails to correctly identify the status of claims 5 through 7, 11, 15, 18, and 20 as "withdrawn" as required. The above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925.

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